

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Masakatsu KONDO, et al.**

Serial No.: **Not Yet Assigned**

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For: **CONTAINER PLUG ATTACHING DEVICE**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 16, 2002

Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fees of the above application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 7 as follows:

7. (Amended) A container plug attaching device according to any one of claims 1 to 3 wherein the anvil has a base end portion fixed to the rotary shaft and an outer end portion provided with plug holding means, and the outer end portion is offset from the base end portion axially of the rotary shaft by a distance greater than the distance corresponding to the thickness of the base end portion.